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To: Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network

Date: October 31, 2022

Subject: Retirement of the Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse (ATC) Update

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On October 26, 2022, The Retirement of the ATC Implementation Team met to identify and address barriers to transitioning to vendor services. In attendance as part of the team were the following:

Stephanie Albrecht, Executive Director Enrollment Services, Columbus State Community College  
Chris Dorsten, University Registrar, Kent State University  
Sun Jamerson, Registrar, Lorain County Community College  
Sarah Muller, Assistant Registrar, The Ohio State University  
Veronica Rine Porter, Registrar, Central Ohio Technical College  
Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer, ODHE  
Joey Derrico, Assistant Director of Operations, Articulation and Transfer, ODHE  
Michael Hopcraft, Relationship Manager, Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH)  
Jeff Smith, Director, Shared Infrastructure, Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH)

The following barriers were identified:

1. The readiness of the vendors to assist with the transition.
2. Significant time spent developing systems and processes to load transcripts into SISs.
3. Need for both XML and PDF transcripts.
4. Possibility that manual processing will increase due to reduced SIS integration and the need for additional human resources.
5. Exploration of the need for additional utilities such as OCR/PDF Reader.
6. Data standards - Sending/Receiving.
7. Timeline constraints.
8. Costs constraints.
9. IT Resource strains – other projects and lack of understanding of current systems.
10. Equity for all schools.

Three tracks were discussed for moving forward, as follows:

1. ODHE will collaborate with the institutions of the implementation team members and their vendor(s) to identify the current configuration of the ATC including all the components in play. The collaborative team will then identify the changes that need to happen to transition to the vendor services. The goal is to identify and work through the gaps, standardize the process for all and reduce or eliminate the identified barriers. Meetings have already been scheduled for some of these meetings to take place.
2. A data standards committee will be formed to identify data standards moving forward.
3. Exploration of the additional utilities such as OCR/PDF Reader will be on-going.

Action Steps for You are as follows:

1. Nominations are needed for individuals with understanding of data standards and the importance of this work for the state. If you or someone you know is qualified, please forward nominations to Dr. Paula Compton at [pcompton@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:pcompton@highered.ohio.gov).
2. Continue to reach out if you have questions or feedback. Contact Joy Livergood, Associate Director Articulation and Transfer Technology Initiatives, at [jlivergood@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:jlivergood@highered.ohio.gov) or Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer, at [pcompton@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:pcompton@highered.ohio.gov).

We sincerely appreciate your continued support as we work together to serve the students of Ohio.